

FASTEST GROWING STORE IN AMERICA.

Cool Silks for Summer.

Our values are not equaled in any other store. That's why so many who are bent on buying silks come straight here.

Silks, in small and medium designs and of very finest quality—von would expect to pay at least with plan from frame mesh; nothing could be \$1.25, and will be pleasantly surprised at our price, which is only—

69c description of the width of the price of the plan from frame mesh; nothing could be cooler for a black dress, and it is worth the price of the

Laces and Still More Laces!

The great sale of these goods from the stock of SAMUEL McALPIN, 454 BROOME ST., NEW YORK, inaugurated Friday, was received with acclamation! The bargains went like the traditional hot cakes. A second shipment-even better than the first-has just arrived and goes immediately onto the counters for Monday's selling at marvelously low prices. Extra spacel Extra salespeople! And plenty of everything-but first comers will have best choice.



To the

Suburban Garden!

Every lady purchaser at Grand-Leader will receive FREE a ticket entitling her to a seat in reserved sec-

SPECIAL-100 pieces of 24-inch fancy lace striped and tucked Swiss and Nainsook -actually worth at least 50c-Monday from 8 to 10 a. m. on main floor, per yard

McAlpin's Net Top Laces, black Chan-

silk, with 10-inch Galoons to match, also including beautiful bands embroidered

McAlpin's handsome openwork All-over

50 pieces of McAlpin's 45-inch black Silk Chantilly Lace Flouncings, suitable new pastel shades, including also black for overdresses—worth at least 98c and cream—worth at least \$1.50 75c per yard ...

McAlpin's real French Valenciennes Lace 100 dozen McAlpin's Satin Rufflings in Edges and Insertions, fancy Galoons, Net Laces, etc., worth 15c; 5c black or white, edged with chenille and jet—would be good value at 25c— special sale price, on main floor, 5c per yard...

McAlpin's full length Ties, of beautiful Net and Point d'Esprit, worth up to 35c—in this sale, on main floor....

McAlpin's Chantilly Flounces, of pure 25 pieces of McAlpin's 40-inch Tinsel Gauze in all the new and most stylish colors—well worth 35c— Monday, on main floor, per yard. ers with deep double ruffles; these are made especially for baby carriages and

Beautiful Appliqued Bolero Jackets, made of net and broadcloth in all the charming



Lace Curtains at One-Half

Nearly 5,000 pairs-a manufacturer's surplus stock from the past eason-comprising Nottingham, Scotch, French Guipure and Brussels Net, in beautiful Irish Point, Arabian and Renaissance designs - all have overlocked edges.

pee Nottingham Lace Cur- tains, per pair	9c Curt ins, per pair \$1.50
\$1.23 Nottingham Lace Cur- tains, per pair	5c Lace Curtains, per pair., \$2.00
81.50 Scotch Lace Curtains, 9	8c St.00 Brussels Net Lace \$2.50
tains, per pair	19 f5.00 Brussels Net Laco \$3.00
erge Mantle or Piano Lambreq	uins of imported tinsel drap- OF

Lambrequins-La Mosquito Bars - Made of best white gauze on square turn-over frames, with ery orepe, finished with deep thread fringe-50e would be a low price-Monday, each Portieres - Large Reversible Turcoman Portieres, in rich Oriental crossripe designs. Snished with heavy tassel fringe, very pretty for summer use, and ally worth 43.59—Monday, per pair.

Baby Carriages and Go-Carts

On Sale in Furniture Dept., Fourth Floor, West Aisie.

Sleeping Coaches - Go-Cart Sleepers, (like cut) with cane seat and buck and nicely finished soll elsewhere at \$6.75- \$4.75 \$4.75

Baby Carriages—Regular \$12 Carriages, upholstered in velour, with ruffled parasols and rubber tires— \$8.50



Baby Carriages -815.00 Carriages, upholstered with velour and cordurey, and having fancy runked parasols and subservires—Monday. \$9.95

820,00 Baby Carriages, richly up-holstered in damask and sile plush, with rubber tires and ruffied satin parasol— \$10.75

Great Bankrupt Sale of

Umbrellas and Parasols.



Joseph Shangood & Sons, Auctioneers for the U. S. Marshals, sold in New York on June 12th the entire stock of the bankrupt GLENS FALLS UMBRELLA AND PARASOL CO. We bought largely paying only about 30c on the dollar, and will place the entire purchase on sale to-morrow. New and perfect Parasols and Umbrellas at from ONE-HALF TO ONE-THIRD THEIR ACTUAL, REAL WORTH! Values that will amaze even veteran customers of the Grand-Leader! See them! Then you'll fully appreciate what remarkable bargains these arel

Parasols.

Lot 2-Ladies' Black and White China Silk Parasols,

Lot 3-Ladies' Coaching Parasols of plain taffeta silk,

Lot 4-Pretty, Bright-Colored Taffeta Silk Parasols and Fancy Silk Parasols trimmed with veiling, another style consists of Black and White Farasols trimmed with veiling of the same colors—worth up to \$4.5—

Lot 5-Comprises some of the finest Parasols on the market made of best silk in handsome colorings, the entire top overed with small raffles and line white or black cheffon trimmed: also leastiful Teffetts Silk Parasols with the popular soldent full reflects Silk Parasols with the popular soldent silk parasols with the popular soldent silk parasols with the popular styles—usually sold up to \$2.50; your choice in this sale \$2.98

Umbrellas.

Lot 1-Ladies' and Men's 26 and 28 inch Fast Black Gloria Umbrellas, with rods of wood or steel and good natural wood Congo hangles—regular 89c Umbrellas— choice in this sale at

Lot 2-Ladies' and Men's 26 and 28 inch Fast Black Silk Carrolla Umbrellas with steel rods, paragon frames and silver trimmed natural wood handles—actually worth up to \$1.50—choice in this sale. Lot 3-Ladies' Fine 26-inch Fast Black Silk Umbrellas, with steel rods, best paragon frames, silk tassels and dea or sliver trimmed natural wood handles—worth up to 62 25-your choice of the lot Monday, each

\$1.00 Lot 4-Ladies' 26-inch Umbrellas of fine quality taffets or twilled alia, with steel rods, best paragon frames, steri trimmed Japanese or decorated Dresden handles— you would expect to may at least \$2.50—choice.

Lot 5-Ladies' Very Fine Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, with steel tods, best paragon frames, silk cases and tassels, with ivory and tatural wood handles trimmed with sterling silver; also Men's Silk Umbrellas, with silver; trimmed natural wood handles—not one less than \$3.25—choice

A CLEARING SALE OF

Boys' Spring Clothing!

Our entire stock to be closed out at prices low beyond all precedent-terrific price-cutting that'll move all spring suits and garments with a rush!

SPECIAL - Boys' allwool Knee Pants, in the latest stripes and checksalso in plain blues and blacks-would be extra good value at 75c; Monday, until noon, we will sell not more than 2 to a customer at, per 250

Boys' Combination Suits, for ages 7 to 14 years, consisting of coat, pants and golf cap, made of blue or striped cheviots, and which have been selling at

83.45—Clearing Sale Price \$1.95 Boys' Sailor Blouse Suits for little lads of 3

to 8 years, made of blue asbeth cloth and usually sold at \$4.25-Monday

Long Pants-For boys and young men-\$1.95 Long Pants reduced to \$2.95 Long Pants reduced to ... \$1.45 \$4.50 Long Pants reduced to ... \$2.95



\$2.45

SPECIAL - 200 Sample SPECIAL - Mother's Sailor Blouses of fine lawn, Friend and K. & E. Boys' Shirt Waists, in the choicest patterns for 1900, laundered with collars embroidered in contrasting colors; sizes 3, and unlaundered, with pleated fronts and backs-4. 5 and 6-worth up to 82.50, but because slightly worth fully 75c-Clearing Sale Price, each 33C soiled, we offer you 950 last, at

3-piece suits for boys of 9

to 16 years, consisting of coat, vest and pants, well

made of blue serges or checked cassimeres; they fit

perfectly and were formerly

sold at \$6.95-

Boys' Double-Breasted Knee Pant Suits, made of good blue serges or of checked and striped cassimeres; these are for boys of 7 to 15 years, and have been selling at \$4.95. been selling at \$4.25-take your choice in this sale \$2.98

150 All-Wool Long Pant Suits for young men or small men

Suits of still better grade, which formerly sold at \$13.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00, can now be bought in Clearing Sale, at

Summer Household Requirements and Comforts.

One of the seasonable opportunities peculiar to Grand-Leader-other stores haven't the knack or the inclination or the facilities to offer such bargains-fourth floor.



Refrigerators—Of hardwood, lined with zinc and filled with charcoal, with removable shelves and drain pipe—others \$4.98

Cracker Jars - 20 dozen samples of China Cracker Jars, in over fifty different shapes and styles, variously decorated, in all colors, and really worth all the way from Mc up to \$1.00- Monday, just to create a sensation on our fourth floor, we offer you choice 49c of the entire lot at, each

Freezers—Peerless Iceland Ice Cream Freezers, holding three quarts: will freeze cream in three and ore-helf minutes— \$1.65



f.awn Mowers of still better grades, made of best materials, with 11-inch blades and worth #6.00—here Monday \$3.25 \$3.25 Water Coolers-Ot galvanized from nicely jayanned-2-gallon size, worth \$1.50, 890 Lawn Sprinklers—Sprinkle 20-toot eircle and can be attached to any hose—worth 35C

Hammecks—In bright colors, with pillow and spreader—at other stores 89c— 60c Mrs. Potts's Nickel-Plated Irons—Three Iron and hundle-worth \$1.19. Brooms-With four strings-worth Tollet Paper -- Roll of 500 shoets -- worth 5c, for Sickles-Strong and sharp-regular price 20c-Monday.....

Free Tickets

Suburban Garden!

Every lady purchaser at Grand-Leader er at Grand-Leader will receive FREE a ticket entitling her to a seat in reserved sec-tion at any matines performance except on Sundays or holi-days.



Last Day of Our Great Sale of

Sample Shoes Brown Shoe Co.

The selling has been enormous during this sale, but the rapid decrease in quantities has been very even, so that we are still able to offer practically as wide a choice as upon the first day. To-morrow must see the end, though, and early comers will fare best.



Brown Shoe Co.'s Tan and Black Oxfords, with flexible soles, hand-turn

Brown Shoe Co.'s very finest grade Black and Tan Shoes, in turns and Goodyear wells, with either kid or cloth tops; also, a choice assortment of Enamel and Black or tan Willow Calf Oxfords, with tops of soft kid or of cloth. There's not a single shoe in this lot worth less than \$3.50, and the majority would be cheap at \$4.00—your last opportunity to secure them Monday at per pair.

Two Handkerchief Specials

That are deserving of your careful investigation-on sale Monday only. Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, in Seconds of Ladies' Pine and Sheer Linen plain white or with colored bordersalso fine japonettes, with colored borders Valenciennes lace insertion and footing—worth fully 15c—choice, worth, if perfect, up to 40c—

Handkerchiefs, beautifully trimmed with

REMARKABLY ATTRACTIVE OFFERINGS IN

Imported Sample Hosiery

Novelties bought direct from Kahn & Frank, 444 Broadway, New York-importers of exclusively high-grade hosiery. We paid a price which passes them along to you at about one-half what they can be bought for in the market to-day.

50c Ladies' Fast Black or Striped Cotton Hose 39c Men's Black, Tan or Striped Half-Hose.....

79c Ladies' Black Lisle Thread Hose 59c Ladies' Polka Dot Hose
59c Ladies' Fancy Figured Lisle Hose
59c Men's Fancy Striped Half-Hose
59c Men's Polka Dot Half-Hose
59c Men's Black and Tan Lisle Half-Hose

The Basement, as Usual,

Furnishes unusual bargains. The very appearance of the place suggests retail activity, created by incomparable values. The following are only from 8 to 10 Monday morning, but are well worth the extra effort required to get here early.

Lawn-30-inch Fancy Printed Cord-ed Lawns, worth 10c-from 8 to 10 at 3C Prints-Dark and Medium Colored Dress Prints, worth 71/c-from

Duck—Best imported Duck Skirt-ing-navy blue with black stripes, well worth 25c—from 8 to 10, per yard Swiss-Genuine St. Gall White Swiss with presty colored embroidered dots, would be cheap at 400—from 8 to 10, per yard....

WHEAT SOARS IN A WILD MARKET.

Highest Price Since Leiter Deal Is Reached and Foreign Markets Are Also Affected.

DROUGHT IN THE NORTHWEST.

Reported Damage to Crops and Prospects of War Cause the Rise in Prices - Other Cereals Advance.

Speculators were kept busy vesterday following the sensational advance in wheat, which closed 4% cents a bushel higher for the day and 12% cents higher for the week, The market was wild from start to finish, but speculation was comparatively light. Traders were afraid to sell short and there was little profit taking in the face of the preponderance of bullish news. A week ago July wheat sold up to 74% cents, after a rapid advance, and predic tions were freely made that the top had been reached, but prices continued to advance steadily until yesterday, when the market closed at 80% cents bid for July wheat, and cash wheat sold at about a quarter of a cent a bushel higher than the July option, Other grains and cotton were also higher, but the stock market was

weak and lower. Reports of the destruction of the wheat erop in the Northwest by the prolonged drought, was the principal reason for the omenal advance, which was the heav est since the famous "Lelter deal," but an advance of 214 pence at London and an upturn at Paris which was equal to about 1% cents a bushel showed that foreigners were inclined to follow our markets. In addition to this, the alarming condi-

tion of affairs in China caused fears that the great Powers might become involved in which would result in the cutting off of wheat shipments from Russia, the strongest competitor of the United States in the wheat markets of Europe. Thus, all together, the situation was extremely bull-

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth were only about half as large as they were a year ago, and the Minneapolis builth were only about half as large as hely were a year ago, and the Minneapolis farket Record, which is considered a conservative authority on the situation in the rought-stricken isrritory, estimates the pring wheat crop of the Northwest as hely \$5,000,000 bushels this year, as com-Market Record, which is considered a con

pared with an average of more than 200,-000,000 bushels.

Notwithstanding the advances at London, Liverpool, Paris and other European markets, exporters say that the price, both in England and on the Continent, is still way below that which the wheat can be exported for at present.

On the "curb" the market registered another advance of a quarter of a cent, and privileges showed a spread of Il cents.

Corn and oats, while not so wild as wheat, were considerably higher, and the situation generally was decidedly interest—

Such heavy traders as ex-Governor D. R. Francis, John W. Kauffman and C. H. Spencer were in the pit frequently throughout the session giving orders to their lieutenants, while Henry C. Haarstick, John Scullin and other capitalists took a lively interest in the market.

LOCAL CROP DAMAGED.

Recent Rains Will Cause the Cereal to Rot.

It was the general opinion among farmers of the country that yesterday's heavy rain did great damage to the local wheat crop. On nearly all the farms the greater part of the crop was cut and shocked. The water soaking into the grain will cause it to rot and become soagy, and even to sprout. This will spoil it altogether.

Such of the wheat as is still in the fields will also suffer in a like manner, though not to so great an extent. The actual money loss to St. Louis Country farmers that will result from the downpour was put by competent judges in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

WEB DAVIS DISPLEASED.

Scant Courtesy Shown His Pro-Boer Plank at Philadelphia.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, June 22.—Webster Davis is said to have been greatly displeased with the scant courtesy shown him and his advocacy of the cause of the Boers by the Resolutions Committee of the Republican Convention. Mr. Davis Intends to present his appeal to the Kansas City convention. In the event of the Democratic platferm containing a friendly expression for the South African Republic it is prohably that Mr. Davis will take an active part in the coming campaign for the Democratic candidates. Mr. Davis is enlisted in the cause of the Boers and will put its success above former party affiliations. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

High School Pienie Victims.

High School Pienic Victims.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pekin, Ill., June 23.—Three damage suits for \$5.99 each have been commenced in the United States Court at Springifield against the Peorla, Decatur and Evansville Railway Company. E. O. Hopkins, receiver of the railway company, is made defendant in each suit. The suits against the road are brought by Miss Mabel A. Clauser, Githert B. Skaggs, father of Miss Jessie H. Skaggs, deceased, and Walter T. Smith, brother of Wesley Nast Smith, deceased.

Miss Skaggs and Wesley Smith were killed at a high school pienic at Mackinaw Falls and Miss Clauser was badly injured.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

WAITED FOR DEATH, BUT HELP CAME.

Sudden Flood at Alton Deluged Samuel Totten, an Aged Cripple, in His Cabin.

WATER WAS UP TO HIS CHIN.

Neighbors Thought of Him in the Nick of Time and Went to the Rescue-Was Almost a Cloudburst.

Samuel Totten, an aged resident of Alton, had a narrow escape from drowning yesterday afternoon. He was formerly : shoemaker, but for years he has been a cripple and unable to work. In fact, he cannot walk and is cared for by his aged wife. The couple live in a cottage on upper Belle street.

Totten was sitting alone in his home yes terday when a severe rainstorm caused the district in which he lives to become flooded. The rising water invaded the room in which the old man sat helpless, and it finally rose to his chin. He sat waiting for death and had given up all hope of being rescued when the door was broken down by neighbors who thought of him in the nick of

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a rainstorm, amounting almost to a cloudburst, struck Alton. A branch of Piasa Creek, which empties into the Big Pinsa sewer, overflowed and carried away the greater part of E. C. Mack's lumber yard on upper Belle street.

The lumber floated down and stopped the mouth of the sewer. This stoppage caused the overflow of the creek, which deluged the district and flooded the first floor of the Piasa Woolen Mill, as well as some of the houses in the vicinity. Many of the residents lost their household effects. Some of the people thought of the old Totten couple, and they rushed to their

On breaking open the door they found the old man sitting in his chair, with the wa-ter almost up to his mouth. In two min-utes more he would have been drowned. He was carried in his chair to a place of safety, but is seriously ill as a result of his har-rowing experience.

The flood did considerable damage in oth-

er parts of the city, a number of unpaved streets being badly washed. Reports from the surrounding country are to the effect that the heavy downpour has damaged the

corn and wheat, most of which is in the shock. Old residents say that the rain was the heaviest ever seen at this time of the year. The storm lasted fully an hour. MISSISSIPPI CLOUDBURST.

Several Feet of Water on Valuable Cotton Fields.

COITON FIEIGS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vicksburg, Miss., June 22.—W. O. Rendeau arrived by the evening Valley train from his plantation, fifteen miles south of here, and gives the following news of last night's flood rain:

"I never before saw such a terrible rainstorm in my life. Fully 2,000 acres of cotton are under water at present, and during the morning there were three or four feet of water covering the plantations in the low-lands between here and Port Gibson, enough to float a Mississippi River boat with ease. The damage is unprecedented, and the farmers in the neighborhood have given up all hopes of making half a crop this year,

"The rain began to fall early in the night and ended up in a terrible cloudburst, completely submerging all the low lands and especially those in the big black swamps. From all over this section this report is corroborated of the rainstorm last night and ender the section of the rainstorm last night sand hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage is the result of crops. On one plantation 300 acres of fine cotton were swept away by the roots."

FIVE PERISHED IN A FIRE.

Children Suffocated Before Succor Could Reach Them. Solmonville, Ariz., June 23.—The residence of Mrs. Coilier at Thatcher was burned last night and five small children perished in the flames.

Fire Hose Burned Up. Fire Hose Burned Cp.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Angelo, Tex., June 23.—A building owned by J. B. Potter of Cincinnati was burned this morning, together with 109 feet of fire hose coupled to a hydrant at the locality. A fireman named Charles Hull was seriously burned on the arm. Insurance for \$1,899 will about cover the loss.

Phi Lamba Epsilon.

Phi Lamba Epsilon.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Sedalia, Mo., June 23.—The seventh annual conclave of the Phi Lamba Epsilon fraternity of Missouri College, which has been in session here for the past three days, adjourned last night. The following grand officers were elected for 1909-91: N. M. A. G. L. Gold, Sedalia; F. H. S., W. H. Ivte, Kirksville; H. G. T., J. N. Russell, Kansas City; F. H., J. E. Stone, Warrensburg, editor-in-chief fraternity paper, Emmet Hamilton, Kirksville, At the conclusion of the conclave the fraternity delegates were given a banquet at Hotel Huckins.

Missouri University Appointments.

Missouri University Appointments.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., June 23.—Major William H.
Turner of Centralia, Mo., has been appointed commandant of cadets at Missouri University. The Federal Government will yield no army officers for teaching services until after the Philippine war is at an end. Doctor Francis R. Anthony of Maryville, Mo., has been elected teaching fellow in chemistry in the university. Both Major Turner and Doctor Anthony are graduates of the university.

Much Corn Abandoned. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Ramsey, Ill., June 23.—The almost daily rains here for nearly a month have greatly damaged the corn crop, much of it on low and bottom banks being abandoned.

"THE ONLY MAN IN CHINA."

Character Study of the Empress.

BY JEANNETTE L GILDER. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, June 23 .- (Copyright by the New York Herald Company.)-The Century Company was fortunate in having a book on China all printed and folded and ready for the binder when the present troubles turned all eyes in the direction of that country. It had not intended publishing the book until the fall, but naturally, when the time was ripe for it and it merely had to

send the sheets to the binders, it decided to publish at once.

Miss Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore, the author f the book, finished reading the proofs : few weeks ago, and then set sail for Eu rope. She is a most insatiable traveler, and has visited China seven times within the last fifteen years. In the meantime she has traveled in Japan and Java and written books about both countries. They are no mere globe trotters' books made up of impressions that impress no one, but they are ooks of value, for they contain informa tion out of the ordinary told in a most

agrecable manner. Miss Scidmore's book on "China, the Long Lived Empire," is full of illustrations, and contains a frontispiece portrait of the Dowager Empress, which looks as though it had been lifted from the lid of a tea box. I dare say that it is a good likeness, but all Chinese look alike to me, be they coolies or

A special chapter is given to the Empress Taze Hai An, who, Miss Scidmore says, is called "the only man in China." Certainly there is no man in that country so powerful as she, not even the boasted Li Hung Chang. The career of this remarkable woman reads like a fairy tale. She had no advantages to begin with, obstacles that to another would have been insurmountable surrounded her, and yet she rose superior to circumstances and conquered every one by the tremendous force of her character and her absolute un-

Rise of the Empress.

It was in 1881 that Tsze Hsi An, "only one in a palace full of concubines twenty years before, began her real reign, became sole and undisputed ruler of more than three hundred millions of people, usurper of the oldest throne, and autocrat of the largest Empire of one people on earth, tyrant over one-fifth of the human race and one-tenth one-fifth of the human race and one-tenth of the area of the world—a dizzy pinnacle for one of the sex despised by Buddha and Lao-tsze and Confucius, in the land where woman is held in least esteem." The little Emperor she kept entirely in the background, even his whereaboute being unknown to his subjects. As for the child Empress, she has always been treated as even more of a nonentity.

Empress, she has always been treated as even more of a nonentity.

Miss Scidmore believes that the cunuchs, of whom there are 3,000 on the paince staff, are at the bottom of every palace crime that has been committed for nineteen centuries. The chief of these creatures is to-day the power behind the throne.

Those few who have looked upon the countenance of the dowager describe her

as "a tall, erect, fine-looking woman of distinguished and imperious bearing, with pronounced Tartar features, the eye of an eagle and the voice of determined authority and absolute command. She has, of course, the natural, undeformed feet of Tartar women, and is credited with great activity, a fondness for archery and riding and walking, and with a passion for games of chance and theatrical representations."

Although the present troubles in China are of a more serious nature than usual, still during recent years Pekin has been a "bothed of intrigue, secret conventions and concession seeking, of high-handed and underhanded proceedings, so that a diplomat's life has not been a happy one, nor his position a sinecure, with coups d'etat before breakfast, executions overnight, rioting soldiers at the railway station, mobs stoning legation carts and chairs at will and telegraph communication broken whenever the soldiers could reach the wires."

"Silent, Crafty, Cruel." Behind all this is the Dowager Empress silent, crafty, cruel, ready for any crime for self-advancement, or to injure a foreigner. No European need look for mercy at her hands. She doesn't know the meaning of

self-advancement, or to injure a foreigner. No European need look for mercy at her hands. She doesn't know the meaning of the word.

The Board of the Tsung LA Yamen, so conspicuous at the present moment, is, according to Miss Scidmore, composed of old fossils, long since past their usefulness. It is not even housed within the Imperial City. Ministers have always a long, slow ride in state across to the shabby gateway of the forlorn old yamen, where now eleven aged, sleepy incompetents muddle with foreign affairs. As these eleven elders have reached such posts by steady advances, they are always septuagenarians, worn out with the exacting, empty routine, rites and functions of such high office, and physicially too exhaused by their midnight rides to and sunrise depatures from the palace to begin fitly the day's tedium at the dilapidated Tsung Li Yamen.

"The appointment for an interview with the noncommittal, irresponsible board must be made beforehand, the Minister and his secretaries are always kept waiting, and the inner reception-room swarms with gaping attendants during an interview. Once the American Minister made a vigorous protest and refused to conduct any negotiations while there were underlings in the room, and as it was business that the Chinese Government wished conducted, the minions were summarily cast out-cast out to the other side of the many hinged, latticed doors, where they scuffied audibly for first piaces at cracks and knotholes.

"The other envoys would not sustain the American protest, and soon the farce of the empty room was played to an end, and the servants came in with their pipes and fans, tea and cake and candies, as usual: stood about; commented on, and fairly took part in the diplomatic conversations, as before. An unconscionable time is always consumed in offering and arranging the teas and sweets, and to any direct questions these Celestial statesmen always answer with praises of the melonseed or ginger root. Lowering buckets into a bottomless well, was Sit Harry Parkes's compar

have just arrived for those legations. Every legation telegram is read and discussed at the yamen, you know, before it is delivered to us, and the cipher codes give them rare

the yamen, you know, before it is delivered to us, and the cipher codes give them rare ideas.

"Every servant in a foreign establishment in Pekin is a spy and informer of some degree; espionage is a regular business, and the table talk, visiting list, dinner list, card tray and scrap basket, with full accounts of all comings and goings, sayings and doings of any envoy or foreigner in Pekin, are regularly offered for purchase by recognized purveyers of such news. One often catches a glimpse of concentrated attention on the face of the turbaned servants standing behind dining-room chairs, that convinces one of this feature of capital life.

"Doplimatic secrets are fairly impossible in such an atmosphere. Every secret convention and concession is soon biazoned abroad. Every word the British Minister uttered at the Tsung Li Yamen was reported to the Russian Legation with almost electric promptness, until the envoy threatened to suspend negotiations and withdraw. Wily concessionaries know each night where their rivals are dining and what they have stid; whether any piece of written paper has passed and what has gone on at each legation in Pekin and each consulate at Tien-Tsin. Every legation keyhole, crack and chink has its eye and ear at critical times, and by a multiplication in imagination one arrives at an idea of what the palace may be like."

What can one expect of a country where everything is done in topsy-turvy fashion? It is known that "the palace awakes at twilight and is busiest when graveyards yawn, and that imperial owis have long chosen to bestir themselves only while their toiling millions slept."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Springfield, Ill., June 22.—The following National Guard orders were issued to-day by Adjutant General Reece: Colonel William D. Hotchkiss and Cap-tain John M. McConnell are placed upon the

confirmed.

Private Samuel M. Priedlander of Troop
E. First Cavairy, is honorably discharged.
Elections are ordered in Company K. Second Infantry, on June 28, to fill all existing vacancies, at which Major John W. McFadden will preside, and in Company K,
Fifth Infantry, on July 5, for Captain, at
which Lieutenant W. T. Dickson will preside.

Springfield, Hi., June 22.—The Secretary of State to-day licensed the incorporation of the following:

Northwestern Manufacturing Company of Chicago, capital stock \$5,000; to manufacture wood specialties, incorporators—George A. Denney, N. P. Thompson and J. W. Thomas.

tain John M. McCohnel and M. McCohnel and The elections of Frederick E. Sherwin to be Captain, George E. Peters to be First Lieutenant and Louis Wolf to be Second Lieutenant, Troop F, First Cavalry, are

New Illinois Corporations.

A. Denney, N. P. Thompson and J. W. Thomas.
Puritan Tailors of Chicago; capital stock 42.500; to manufacture clothing. Incorporators—Lawrence Friedman, Asa Bullock and Jerome Mailer.
Western Grocery Company of Chicago; capital stock 34.600; to do a wholesale and retail grocery business. Incorporators—Charles H. Wells, George T. Kelly and Eugene W. Atwood.

Cedar County Ticket.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Stockton, Mo., June 23.—The Democrats of Cedar County have nominated the following ticket: Representative, F. E. Ransdell; Collector, John G. Nance; Sheriff, J. E. Fillpot; Assessor, B. C. Clawson; Treasurer, J. W. Craig; Prosecuting Attorner, B. P. Fergus; Burveyor, W. A. Cheek; Judys, S. F. Hurt and E. N. Ballings.